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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

**SUBJECT: American College at Simsonovo near Sofia;
Bulgarian Law Respecting Claims of**

1. We attach hereto a study of relevant Bulgarian substantive and procedural law respecting the claims of the American College for compensatory damages in connection with the loss of confiscated property. This study was prepared by the Foreign Law Section of the Library of Congress, a research group financed by the National Committee for a Free Europe.

2. The substance of this report seems to be that in the absence of a showing that it could not have filed its claim for damages with the Bulgarian authorities before September 15, 1948, in accordance with Article 23 of the Treaty of Peace of February 10, 1947, the college's only recourse would seem to lie in the domestic courts of Bulgaria. The practical implications of a judicial proceeding to recover seized assets cannot be estimated by us.

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Attachment

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